
By: **Senator Middleton**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Associate of Arts in Teaching Degree - Transfer to**
3 **Baccalaureate Degree**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring public senior higher education institutions to admit
5 certain applicants that hold an associate of arts in teaching degree from an
6 institution of postsecondary education in the State and seek a baccalaureate
7 degree in teaching under certain circumstances; requiring the applicant to meet
8 certain academic standards; requiring the applicant to complete a certain
9 number of credits; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission, in
10 cooperation with the State Department of Education, to determine a certain
11 number of elementary and secondary teachers that will be needed in a certain
12 year; requiring public senior higher education institutions to report annually to
13 the Commission; requiring the Commission to adopt certain procedures and
14 regulations; and generally relating to the transfer to a baccalaureate degree
15 program by individuals who hold an associate of arts in teaching degree.

16 BY adding to
17 Article - Education
18 Section 11-207.1
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article - Education**

24 11-207.1.

25 (A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER
26 EDUCATION INSTITUTION SHALL ADMIT AS MANY APPLICANTS THAT HOLD AN
27 ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN TEACHING DEGREE FROM AN INSTITUTION OF
28 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION IN THE STATE FOR A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE IN
29 TEACHING AS THE NUMBER OF TEACHERS THAT ARE NEEDED AS DETERMINED
30 UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

1 (B) THE APPLICANT SHALL:

2 (1) MEET THE SAME ACADEMIC STANDARDS TO BE ADMITTED TO THE
3 PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION AS A NATIVE STUDENT OF THE
4 INSTITUTION; AND

5 (2) COMPLETE THE SAME TOTAL NUMBER OF CREDITS REQUIRED FOR A
6 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE IN TEACHING AS A NATIVE STUDENT OF THE
7 INSTITUTION'S TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM.

8 (C) THE COMMISSION, IN COOPERATION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
9 EDUCATION, SHALL DETERMINE THE ESTIMATED TOTAL NUMBER OF ELEMENTARY
10 AND SECONDARY TEACHERS BY DISCIPLINE THAT WILL BE NEEDED IN THE PUBLIC
11 SCHOOLS FOR THE GRADUATING YEAR OF THE APPLICANT.

12 (D) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 31 OF EACH YEAR, PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER
13 EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING:

14 (1) THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS HOLDING AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN
15 TEACHING DEGREE WHO APPLY FOR TRANSFER TO A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
16 PROGRAM IN EACH DISCIPLINE;

17 (2) HOW MANY OF THESE APPLICANTS ARE ACCEPTED; AND

18 (3) HOW MANY OF THESE APPLICANTS ARE ENROLLED.

19 (E) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS FOR
20 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2003.